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Jack Johnson In French Army?

Jack Johnson has joined the French army, so the newspapers say. He has also given all his automobiles to the army of France. Great boy, that Jack Johnson.

The American papers have had many bad things to say of our Jack, since he has decided to pay \$1,000 and give up his citizenship here. Good kid, that Jack Johnson.

Jack is accused of "throwing" the Moran fight and from the way the papers put out the dope one would think that Jack had done something along that line that a white fighter would not do. Smooth boy, that Jack Johnson.

The suggestion is offered by our white friends in the sporting fraternity that we give Jack Johnson his belt and call him Negro Champion and then get up a new championship for white folks only. Peaches for Jack, of course.

Now the daily papers print Jack Johnson as a big, burly, ogley and coarse fellow, which the camera can easily be made to do. He is the Black Beast of the prize ring, since he has gone to France. Wise boy, that Jack Johnson.

As a matter of fact the great prize fighters of this and other times do not come out of the New York "400." Taken from a social examination and none of them count for much. They are all coarse and rough and overbearing and Jack Johnson is the most gentlemanly of the inter-dynasty heavyweights. Jack is considerably above the fifty-year average of champions in deportment and intelligence and it is not necessary to use the X-ray to prove the assertion. Jack has played the sporting game wisely. In the past

Negro fighters have had white managers who have wound up with all the coin earned by their stars. Jack has beat them scheming. If Jack has been crooked it was only in self-defense. In the ethics of robbery the victim must submit to the terms of the robber and in the game the papers make so much noise over, victim Johnson made terms to suit a bunch of sporting men, who were in the game for just what Jack was in it for.

We are with the black rascal. He is absolutely right—fair and square and those who really know Jack Johnson—the new Jack Johnson—know him as the bighearted, jolly, foxy and "dead game" sport. That's all Jack Johnson claims for himself, and he is all that.

Taking Carl Morris and his Tulsa fight as a text we feel safe in saying for Jack Johnson that if he had been a white man, keeping up all the antics and capers which have marked his career since he has been champion, he would be the "flower of the white race." John L. Sullivan did worse and white people all over the world called his foolish tricks smart ones. God Bless Jack Johnson, "The Black Rascal."—Sporting Editor.

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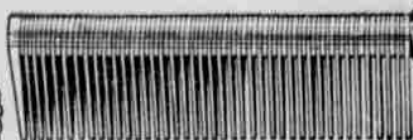
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He secured work in the Gayoso Hotel as waiter and while here learned his first lesson in reading and writing from another colored boy.

He went to night school for several months in each year and in a few years time had mastered a fairly good education which continued to improve. He lived in Memphis till 1889. During this time he became to be a very popular man with unwavering influence with both white and colored people. He organized the first Colored militia in Tennessee known as the McClellan Guards named for General McClellan of the Union Army. After organizing this company of militia he stubbornly fought court proceeding for one year before they were finally recognized and equipped by the governor. It was then through the influence of General Luke E. Wright of the rebel army that he was recognized.

During the yellow fever epidemic at Memphis in 1878-9 the three companies of white militia and all the police department deserted the City leaving the whole Municipality destitute of police protection. The Governor then commanded Captain Jackson to take charge of the City with his men and patrol it till further orders. They patrolled Memphis several months until all danger was over and the City police force returned. The City Council then selected 14 men from the Company, Capt. Jackson, himself among them to serve as regular patrolmen on the



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Memphis police force. They held these jobs ten years and were replaced by Irishmen. It was then that Capt. Jackson left and came to the opening of old Oklahoma in 1889.

He was the first jailer at Guthrie where he was also elected Justice of the Peace, which office he filled with much credit. He was later appointed to serve on the police force there, but resigned a little more than two years ago when the Mayor of Guthrie, a southern man, wanted him to confine his work to colored people only. Capt. Jackson was too much of a man to assent to the Mayor's wishes so he resigned and moved to Tulsa where he has rapidly grown in favor among both White and Colored people. Capt. Jackson has the distinction of being the organizer of the only Colored Company of Militia ever organized in Oklahoma.

It was organized at Guthrie and was in service more than two years.

Capt. Jackson has a very brilliant record as a fearless race man and during his life time has braved the wrath of infuriated mobs to protect the lives of falsely accused Negroes.

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